GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:194
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2016
Production of Soyabean
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline/dip in the production, productivity and acreage of soyabean in various parts of the country during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, Statewise;

(b) the action taken to increase the same in the country; and

(c) the details of the funds/grants provided to the farmers for the purpose during the above period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 194 DUE FOR REPLY ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2016.

(a) to (c): Depending upon yearly variations in the area coverage due to comparative profitability of other competing crops and variations in productivity on account of rainfall situation, weather conditions etc., production, productivity and area coverage under Soyabean in the country has been fluctuating. However, the long term trend in area coverage, and production of Soyabean has been generally increasing. State-wise details of area coverage, production and productivity of Soyabean in the country during last three years and the current year viz. 2013-14 to 2016-17 are given in Annexure-I.

In order to increase production and productivity of oilseed crops including Soyabean in the country, Government of India is providing financial support to farmers under Mini-Mission-I (MM-I) of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) launched in April, 2014. The financial assistance provided under MM-I of NMOOP includes production and distribution of seeds, supply of mini-kits, block demonstrations, farmers' training, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, water carrying pipes, supply of seed storage bins, seed treatment drums, bio-pesticides, micro-nutrients etc.

Further, to encourage farmers to increase area and production, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Soyabean has been increased over the years. For the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2016-17, the MSP of Soyabean has been increased to Rs.2775/- per quintal (including bonus of Rs.100/- per quintal) as compared to Rs.2600/- per quintal for the KMS 2015-16.

State-wise details of allocation, release and expenditure under NMOOP are given in Annexure-II.